

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY
Thursday, March 13, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building – Board Chambers
2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lawson at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present: Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley. Directors Engellenner, Trujillo, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, Associate General Counsel Chavez, Board Clerk Tilson.

PLEDGE TO FLAG led by the Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

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DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Board Meeting Action Summary—February 28, 2008

- **Board Action:**
Goold/Granados—approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Trujillo, absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM(S):**1. Purchase of Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) for Copter 1—(DC Geoff Miller)**

- Staff recommended the Board authorize the purchase of a Supplemental Type Certificate for Copter 1 (powerplant) in the amount of \$35,000 from Minuteman Aviation, Inc., a single source vendor.

This certification is for the current engine (powerplant) in Copter 1, which is a Lycoming T53-L-703. The STC would allow Copter 1 to be "carded" by the U.S Forest Service and CAL FIRE as a Type 2 helicopter and available for a "Call-When-Needed" contract. It also lifts the ban on flying personnel who are not part of the normal crew, including the emergency air transport of the injured to an approved Trauma Center--as outlined in existing District policy 609.80. Emergency Medical transport of District employees and civilian patients has been previously approved by the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).

No change to Copter 1's powerplant is needed for this certificate. Nor will any change be required in an anticipated build-up of Copter 1 to a "Super Huey."

- **Board Action:**
Goold/Jones—approve the staff recommendation. ROLL CALL: Directors Clark, Goold, Granados, Jones, Kelly, Lawson, Valley, AYE. Directors Engellenner, Trujillo, absent. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS(S):

- None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Trujillo)

- None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Mette)

- March 8, 2008 – Retirement Dinner held. Honored 31 personnel who retired in 2007 with about 240 people in attendance.
- March 8, 2008 – First Open Forum was held at the Rancho Cordova City Hall. Second Open Forum scheduled for Saturday, March 29.
- A Recognition Luncheon was held to thank 40 personnel who planned and built the Command Training Center (CTC) at Station 106.
- March 2, 2008 – Attended the California Fire JPA graduation exercise for 36 graduates, including 15 cadets from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire. Two cadets were hired by Folsom Fire.
- Continuing to work with Assembly Member Aghazarian on Assembly Bill No. 2278. Will keep the Board informed.
- March 12, 2008 – held Annual Awards Luncheon with 120 people in attendance; 61 honorees receiving recognition included 25, 30 and 35 Years of Service awards, Peer Recognition and Employees of the Year, Media Excellence presented to Ron Lopez – Assignment Manager at FOX 40 and Tom DuHain of KCRA 3.

The Medal of Valor and other Commendations included the following:

- Company Citation – Captain Steve Cormier, Engineer Art Gonsalves, Firefighter/Paramedics Ryan Ross, Teri Gormley, and Brian Gonsalves.
 - Commendation for Distinguished Service – Firefighter/Paramedic Carl Jewell
 - Commendation of Valor – Captains Chris Reed, Dave Smith, Paul Burke, and Firefighter Andrew Whaley
 - Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Medal of Valor – Firefighter James Mandes
- Vice President Lawson stated it would be in the best interest of the community if the media would inform the constituents of the positive things at Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.

- **OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT –**

Deputy Chief Geoff Miller reported on the following:

Incident Report –

Thirteen working structure and four grass fires since the last Board meeting.

March 11, 2008 – Major fire at 11407 Elks Circle housing two businesses. SUV and Truck Parts was completely destroyed; Lee's Automotive Repair suffered only minor smoke and water damage. No injuries. Initial damage estimated at \$2 million for the structure and contents.

Field Saves –

Mid-February, Engine 102 and Medic 110 responded to a call. The patient complained of mild dizziness after a walk and initially was unsure of being transported. The medic crew convinced her and she was transported to Kaiser. Enroute she complained of severe dizziness and became unresponsive as a result of ventricular fibrillation. Defibrillation was applied and the patient was normalized. At the hospital, six stints were placed.

Special Operations –

Special Operations Division is comprised of Air Operations, Hazardous Materials, and Rescue. Each of these disciplines keeps District personnel trained and ready to handle high risk, low probability incidents. It is managed by Battalion Chief Dave Brown with Captains assigned to each area: Captain Rick Griggs – Air Operations; Captain Dave Stoddard – Hazardous Materials; and Captain Tom Briggs – Rescue. Recognized the personnel coordinating the three areas of Special Operations.

- **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION REPORT –**

Deputy Chief Jim Eastman updated the Board on the various divisions:

Information Technology –

Website may be ready to go live next week; surplus equipment picked up from Logistics; in the process of securing the VHF Portables – Bendix King Radios; replacement program for 800 MHz Portable Radios to be addressed; XP deployment pending the hiring of a Help Desk person.

Fleet Division –

Twelve surplus vehicles delivered to the County Auction to be held at the end of April; Fire Mechanics Academy will be held next week. Everyone is welcome to attend the Vendor Show in the Garden Pavilion Building at 5640 Dudley Boulevard.

Logistics Division –

Working with the Air Show coming up March 15 and 16 at Mather; Test Database for inventory being placed in the Firehouse Program to manage equipment and supplies.

- **Facilities Division –**

Station 106 kitchen remodel continuing; Station 58 pavement improvements completed; Facilities Tech Steve Borglund is scheduled for Turn Out Extractor Training. Work to be done internally versus vendors to save money.

- **New Construction –**

Station 29 moving forward; working with Rancho Cordova on demolition of properties near Station 61.

- **Community Risk Reduction –**

T-Todem Fireworks Show has outgrown the capacity of the park. Met with the Church and Park District, Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol to look at alternatives to fireworks in the park; Plan reviews are down 30% in Fire Prevention compared to this time last year; Fire Works Task Force Meeting – initiate discussion for upcoming July 4th; participated in the Blight Busters program with Community Services in the Rancho Cordova Laurelhurst Area on February 27.

Director Granados suggested the issue of plan reviews be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. This is an indicator of future building and property tax revenues.

- **Community Services –**

February 27 – Blight Busters Program continued in Rancho Cordova; Engine 62 / Medic 62 / Rescue 21 participated in an "Every 15 Minutes Program" at Capital Christian School. Program involved a simulated vehicle accident; Brenda Briggs, Senior Public Education Technician, has been selected to participate with the California State Fire Training on updating the standards and curriculum of Public Education Officer; next Blight Busters event on March 19 in the Sun River area.

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Chavez)

- Phone calls were received from the general public regarding telephone solicitations. Advised callers that Sacramento Metropolitan Fire and Local 522 do not engage in telephone solicitations. Citizens should investigate and request supplemental written information before donating. This is an important message to convey to the community.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**Executive Committee—(Trujillo)**

- Next Meeting: TBD

Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)

- Next Meeting: March 25, 2008 – 10:30 PM
- Fire Chief Mette stated the City of Sacramento intends to present a report at the March 25th meeting with facts and figures for joining the City Police Department Dispatch.

California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Kelly)

- Next meeting: April 2, 2008 – 10:00 AM

Finance Committee—(Jones)

- Reported on today's meeting.
- Next meeting: April 10, 2008 – 5:00 PM

Policy Committee—(Lawson)

- Next meeting: March 27, 2008 – 5:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**Board Members:**

- Thanked staff for their excellent reports.

Clark:

- Thanked the Color Guard.

Goold:

- Appreciated the "field save" update.
- Approached by several field staff regarding the District's utilization review process and the Workers' Compensation Program. There are employees who want to go back to work but according to information communicated to him, the utilization review company has denied things like MRIs. When an employee has to hire an attorney to make it through the process, we have an obligation to review the policy to facilitate appropriate medical care. Recommended it be a priority that our Workers' Compensation takes care of our employees when we have these issues.
- Vice President Lawson stated Administration should have an opportunity to assess the matter and respond back at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Mette agreed and would like to follow up with Director Goold after the meeting.

Granados:

- Commended staff for working hard to cut sick leave and other leaves by 50%.
- 30% reduction in permits translates into a huge impact.
- On the issue of the staff, Fire Chief Mette has a consultant involved.
- Looking at the pension obligation bond and future medical benefits for retirees. Will have to make some tough decisions.
- This District is in much better shape than many others and wanted to thank everyone for pulling together.

Valley:

- Appreciated the employees working to find ways to cut during austerity, resulting in savings. We are more healthy and proactive and way ahead on our pension bonds because of steps taken earlier. Several other things are in the works that will make this a more positive place to work and enable recruitment of the best employees. We have done well in this period where everybody else has to cut.

Kelly:

- Involved with the "Relay for Life" effort by the American Cancer Society taking place May 3 and May 4 at Howe Avenue Park. A website can be accessed at www.events.cancer.org/rflardenarcade.ca or put in your zip code at the American Cancer Society website for access. Encouraged everyone to participate or donate in some fashion.
- Staff was returning to a station in his neighborhood. On inquiry, he was informed that they had patched up the bad guy that the Sheriff's dog bit. It was interesting because he heard the Sheriff's helicopter swarming the neighborhood looking for an individual that had crashed his car into an apartment building and pool.
- Interested in hearing a report on the issue brought up by Director Goold and how it can be remedied. It certainly can't be understated how important Workers' Compensation issues are for employees who have a genuine desire to get back to work and are being blocked in some fashion by denial of care by a third party.

Jones:

- In regard to the utilization review committee, that is quite a challenge under different State regulations and rules. If the District can make that a smoother, more successful operation, in support of Fire Chief Mette on that issue.
- Absent from the last Board meeting due to her participation in the World Firefighter Winter Games in North Lake Tahoe. Encouraged Metro Fire participation in the event.
- Firefighters support was very evident on March 8. The Pacific Burn Institute had a fund raiser crab feed. More than one director was working the event as well as buying tons of tickets. Director Trujillo actually won a few things on that. Thanked all the firefighters and staff who supported the event.

Lawson:

- Returned last weekend from a community services conference in Southern California. Discussion included the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD). Metro Fire is engaged in the local one of which he is on the Steering Committee. There were comments made on Sacramento Metro Fire and the job our staff did in the San Diego and Orange fires. Metro staff was recognized and well represented in Southern California.
- As the Community Services Liaison, United Way is heavily engaged in monitoring non-profit organizations. The Firefighters Burn Institute is a certified agency within the community and the dollars donated go directly back into the services at a low expense ratio. There are a lot of individuals that hide underneath 501(c)3's representing the Widows and Orphans, injured firefighters, and police and protective services. Up to 15% of every dollar donated to those organizations goes back into the services because these individuals are basically fundraisers who get a percentage of that money legally, but the hard dollar does not go back into those services like it does if you donate to the American Red Cross, United Way, or your own church. It sends up a big signal when you have a disaster and someone calls you on the phone and everyone wants to donate to help those people but it does not always go into the resource as a whole. If you have any questions, you can call his office and they would be happy to research the organization.
- Encouraged everyone in the community to attend the Air Show.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:17 PM

[Taken out of order prior to Consent Agenda]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 6:32 PM**CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**

Report by Associate General Counsel Chavez:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Two (2) Cases

- A. Dan Baker vs Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2007063002

The Board was briefed on medical evidence and gave direction to settle the claim.

- B. Elizabeth Arellanez vs. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #2005039593

The Board was briefed on medical evidence and approved previous settlement of the claim.

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8

- Property: 4411 Niobe Circle, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, CA
APN 067-0560-025-0000
Agency Negotiator: Don Mette, Fire Chief
Negotiating Parties: Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and
Property Owner Max D. Lee
Under Negotiation: Price and terms/conditions of purchase

The Board authorized staff to negotiate the purchase of the property.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Ray Trujillo, President

Gregory A. Granados, Secretary

Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board